

A Few Words in Defense of Our Country

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I'd like to say
A few words
In defense of our country
Whose people aren't bad
Nor are they mean
Now, the leaders we have
While they're the worst that we've had
Are hardly the worst
This poor world has seen
Let's turn history's pages, shall we? Take the Caesars, for example
Why, with the first few of them
They were sleeping with their sister, stashing little boys in swimming pools, and burning down the city
And one of 'em, one of 'em appointed his own horse to be Counsel of the Empire
That's like vice president or something
That's not a very good example right now, is it?
But here's one:
Spanish Inquisition
That's a good one
Put people in a terrible position
I don't even like to think about it
Well, sometimes I like to think about it
Just a few words
In defense of our country
Whose time at the top
Could be coming to an end
Now, we don't want their love
And respect at this point's pretty much out of the question
But in times like these
We sure could use a friend
Hitler
Stalin
Men who need no introduction
King Leopold of Belgium, that's right
Everyone thinks he's so great
Well, he owned the Congo
He tore it up too
Took the diamonds
Took the silver
Took the gold
You know what he left 'em with? Malaria
You know, a president once said, "The only thing we have to fear is
fear itself"
Now it seems like we're supposed to be afraid
It's patriotic, in fact

Color-coded

What we supposed to be afraid of?

Why, of being afraid

That's what terror means, doesn't it?

That's what it used to mean You know, it pisses me off a little that this Supreme Court's gonna outlive me

Couple young Italian fellas and a brother on the Court now too

But I defy you, anywhere in the world, to find me two Italians as tight ass as the two Italians we got

And as for the brother

Well, Pluto's not a planet anymore either The end of an empire

Is messy at best

And this empire's ending

Like all the rest

Like the Spanish Armada

Adrift on the sea

We're adrift in the land of the brave

And the home of the free Goodbye

Goodbye

Goodbye Goodbye

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